

(b) whether it is not a fact that there is heavy traffic on this road on account of Yellamma fair, in the Belgaum Division?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Plans and estimates were prepared by the former Bombay Government in November 1955 for two alternatives, viz., cement concreting Bagewadi-Saundatti road and for asphaltting it.

(b) Yes.

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—May I know whether the estimates of these asphaltting and cement concreting of roads respectively have been finalised?

***Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.**—This is not yet finalised as is at present indicated in the note. It is a very old story. Three years ago Sri Lal Bahadur Sastry, Union Minister, visited the area. On representations made, he promised to consider favourably. These estimates were prepared for asphaltting with 4" thickness and 1½" thickness of concreting. Ultimately they were all turned down and it was decided by the Bombay Government to have 1½" pre-mixed concrete only. The estimate is still in the Divisional Office and it will be submitted to the Chief Engineer. Ultimately it will be sent to the Government of India for their approval. There are two sections of this Road,—from Bagewadi to Bylhongal and from Bylhongal to Soundatti. It is feared that the second section will be submerged after the construction of the dam. Therefore the first section will be taken up soon after we get the approval of the Government of India.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know whether the plans and estimates have been sent to the Government of India?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It has not yet been sent. It is in the Divisional Office. He has to send the final estimate and plan leaving out the second section from Bylhongal to Saundatti.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—Which of the two schemes cementing or asphaltting that is approved by the Government?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—1½" premixed concreting.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether the Government has at any time taken a decision not to put cement concreting of roads at all in the State but only asphaltting?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Which Government?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Mysore Government.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I was just now explaining that this decision was taken by the Bombay Government. This question was pending since July 1957.

1-30 P.M.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Is it the attitude of our Government now?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Now we have accepted the recommendation of the Bombay Government to do 1½" thickness and plans and estimates are being prepared and they will be sent to the Chief Engineer. Thereafter Government will forward the same to the Central Government for approval and sanction.

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Is it not a fact that you have received representations from the State Transport Department and from large commercial institutions to take up this road as early as possible in view of the fact that there is the Yellamma fair which attracts lakhs of people every year?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—All that the Hon'ble Member said is correct. Therefore, it is under active consideration and estimates are being prepared and it will be taken up.

Payment of "Pattu" by Inamdars in respect of their Inam Lands.

Q.—1621. Sri M. S. PATTAN (Ramdurg).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the action they propose to take with regard to lands which have been in tenants' possession and in respect of which "Pattu" has not been paid to the Government by Inamdars;

(b) whether they have ordered collection of land revenue at higher